

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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In 2019 the Idaho Legislature approved and the governor signed into law Senate Bill 1053, which allowed people who want to be licensed barbers to serve an apprenticeship instead of attending barber college. A similar bill was approved the year before for cosmetologists. This piece of legislation expands that concept to most licensed professions in Idaho. The bill requires state licensing authorities to issue a license if a person serves an apprenticeship, pays the required fees and passes a certification exam, if one is required. If the licensure authority denies a license or deems an apprenticeship not up to their standards, they must explain why in writing. Licensure authorities also cannot create requirements for apprenticeship applicants which are more onerous or restrictive than those for applicants who attend a school. This bill comes from the 2020 Occupational Licensing and Certification Laws Committee of the Idaho Legislature. The Committee discussed and debated this legislation over the last year, and voted to support the introduction of the bill for consideration by the full legislature.

## FISCAL NOTE

Licensure boards are able to recognize existing apprenticeship programs in lieu of classroom instruction. It requires no new process or staff to do that, so there should be no impact to the general fund.

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